

To Whom It May Concern:

I am sending you my comments regarding the possibility of the FCC giving LPFM service priority over current FM translator services. This causes me great concern. The only station I listen to happens to be a national station, K-LOVE, and could be greatly affected by this.

K-LOVE serves the needs of my family and me as residents of the local community by keeping us informed, not only about items of national interest, but also about certain community events and weather. Occasionally they highlight tourist information about my city as well as other broadcast cities. This allows me to hear about what is happening around the country and others to hear about some of the special events and features of my town and state. But this is only a small part of how K-LOVE serves and affects my community. K-LOVE provides a positive and encouraging backdrop for my day, and I can listen to this station in the car and NEVER have to worry about what my children will hear. There is not another single station in my city I feel that way about. So many times I hear accounts of people who can connect with their loved ones just by listening to K-LOVE and knowing their friends and family are somewhere listening to the same songs and same people. This removes their feelings of loneliness and depression, and restores feelings of closeness and hope. I have especially heard this from people who have family members in Iraq who can sometimes listen via Internet and other connections. What local station can provide that type of service to those in its community?

The local community would be adversely affected in a terrible way if a LPFM broadcaster displaced K-LOVE. There would no longer be a safe haven for my family and me on the radio dial. There would no longer be a station that has such a great focus on providing encouragement to me and other listeners during the difficult times in our lives as well as providing a positive outlook to each day. The community would lose a source of hope and encouragement, which is vital to our busy and difficult lives.

I believe that the service provided by K-LOVE is in the public interest because there is not another station in my community that offers all the services I have mentioned. Many offer weather, traffic reports, and local news, but in order to receive those services, you must listen through stunningly inappropriate commentary from deejays only interested in shock factors and ratings, advertisements that rarely seem to involve community businesses, and music that focuses on topics that are not fit for small children. The only encouragement I have heard on many of our local stations is encouragement to be promiscuous and rude. Not only does K-LOVE provide all the great services I described, they do it with no commercials. This tells me that there are a great many people in my community, who care about receiving these services and providing them to others. They care about it enough to provide the financial support necessary to keep K-LOVE on the air.

K-LOVE is like a safe haven for me in the car, at the office, and at home. I love that I don't have to worry when I listen with my kids, but that is only a part of why I listen to

this station. K-LOVE's programming and staff are truly encouraging to my life. There are so many things in this world that cause worry, dismay, and depression; so much that engenders a sense of hopelessness. K-LOVE focuses on positive ideas that uplift and encourage. This is why I am asking the FCC not to allow even the possibility of K-LOVE being displaced by an LPFM broadcaster.

Sincerely,
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